



Provider Supports Subcommittee

Feedback Loop

October 12, 2022

Recommendations, Input and Decisions Made, Status Updates

Follow Up Items from August 10

DCYF 2023 Decision Package Development Update

Early Learning Proposals Summary:

- ECEAP Expansion – \$264.7M
- Supporting Providers to Increase Child Care Access – \$236.81M
- Make Child Care Work for Families – \$298.95M
- WCCC Rates and Income Eligibility – \$270.83M
 - **Total Early Learning: \$1,071.29M**

Home Visiting Sustainability and Expansion: \$15.2M

Background Checks & Licensing Fees & Schedules: \$14.73M

Organizational License Pilot: \$325K

Early Learning Facilities Fund: \$50M

Language Access: \$3.13M

ECEAP Expansion – \$264.7M

Provide a sustainable slot rate for ECEAP providers - \$84.02M

- Provide current and prospective SD and WD ECEAP providers a more sustainable slot rate that reflects the requirements and resources needed to implement comprehensive services – approx. a 20% increase.

Slot increases and conversion - \$149.97M

- 3000 new slots each year of the biennium (85% SD, 15% WD)
- 2,500 slots converted each year of the biennium to 5,000 SD slots

Complex needs - \$11.08M

- To meet the need in communities and more closely match the requests from contractors, DCYF is requesting an increase in Complex Needs Funding

Scholarships - \$6.12M

- To ensure there is an adequate and qualified workforce, DCYF is requesting

Entitlement infrastructure - \$12.4M

- **Readiness Pathway technical assistance** efforts to the various ECEAP provider types.
- **Quality support resources** – an increase for the quality rate that it received from the legislature last year due to increases in costs from the main contractor for these key services.
- **DCYF program support rate adjustments** to ensure adequate infrastructure to implement ongoing entitlement needs

Supporting Providers to Increase Child Care Access – \$236.81M

Sustainable Subsidy Payment - \$ 114.4M

- Pay licensed providers based on child enrollment to align with the private market and allow providers to have a consistent source of payment.

Non-Standard Hours Bonus - \$41.46M

- Increase the bonus for children receiving subsidy to \$500/month per child to help expand the supply of critically needed after-hours care to meet the needs of parents and caregivers and a round-the-clock economy.

Child Care Complex Needs Fund - \$15.4M



- Expand the child care complex needs fund above what was established in FSKA to meet the needs for providers serving children who have developmental delays, disabilities, behavioral needs, or other unique needs.

Early Childhood Equity Grants - \$18.7M

- Expand these grants above what was established in FSKA to meet needs from providers to support inclusive and culturally and linguistically specific early learning and early childhood and parent support programs across the state.

Infant-Toddler Access - \$45M

- Expanding Early ECEAP in areas of most need
- Contracted slots to secure access for children involved in protective services
- Increase infant rate enhancement for child care subsidy from \$90/month to \$500/month

Align Overpayment Collection with Federal Requirements - \$768K

- Collect overpayments on Fraud and Intentional Program Violations
- Do not collect overpayments on administrative error or unintentional program violations

Make Child Care Work for Families – \$298.95M

Authorize Full-Time Care for all Children - \$17.53M

- Allow at least full-time care for all children

Require Only One Parent to Participate in an Approved Activity - \$69.96M

- Support families applying and reapplying for child care subsidy when one parent is in an approved activity

Adding More Student Parents to Eligibility - \$113.3M

- Allow full-time participation in baccalaureate degrees at CTC Schools, and to allow full-time participation, and part-time participation with work a 20 hour a week work requirement at universities and colleges

Allow Child Participation in ECEAP and Head Start as an Approved Activity for WCCC - \$5.02M

- Allow families with children participating in ECEAP, Early ECEAP, Head Start, Tribal Head Start, and Migrant Season Head Start the ability to continue to receive WCCC when otherwise eligible.

Allow Family Participation in Medical Activities as an Approved Activity- \$4.32M

- Exploring options under CCDF to allow medical activities to participate in approved activities.

Allow Job Search as an Approved Activity at Application and Reapplication - \$33.57M

- Allow formal and informal job search as an approved activity

Remove 12-Month Restriction on Homeless Grace Period - \$908K

- Support families experiencing homelessness with continued access to child care subsidy.

Exclude Benefits As Countable Income - \$12.65M

- Exclude Child Support and Social Security, and Supplemental Security Payments As Countable Income

Increase Family Access to Child Welfare Early Learning Navigators (CWELN) - \$2.62M

- Increase the number of CWELN navigators to 10 statewide

Transition Child Welfare Child Care to Working Connections - \$30.30M

- Provide families with children in protective services 12 month eligibility
- Continue 12 month eligibility for children receiving protective services in the past 6 months.

Outreach and Communication Contracted Services - \$500K

- To ensure newly and previously eligible families are aware of their subsidized childcare options.

WCCC Rates and Income Eligibility – \$270.83M

Increase Subsidy Rates to 85th Percentile - \$272.7M

- Increase subsidy rates to the 85th percentile of the most recent Market Rate Survey (2021)

Copay Increases for Families to \$165 - \$1.87M

- Increase copays for families in the 50-60% range to \$165/month

Increase Income Eligibility to 75% SMI Beginning July 2025 - \$167M (not included in total listed)

- In the out biennium accounting for the next income eligibility increase



Home Visiting Sustainability and Expansion: \$15.2M

Workforce Investments - \$9.3M

- Contract adjustments to provide additional funding for salaries and benefits

System Improvements - \$2.9M

- Increased funding for professional development and training, improving data systems used by providers, and community engagement practices

Expansion - \$3M

- 325-400 additional home visiting slots.

Background Checks & Licensing Fees & Schedules: \$14.73M

Background Checks - \$4.6M (lost revenue plus new expenses)

- Permanently remove fees for background checks
- Create capacity for DCYF to do fingerprinting for background checks in every DCYF office
- Change the background check renewal schedule for child care providers from every 3 years to every 5 years

Licensing - \$3.6M (lost revenue, not new expenses)

- Permanently remove fees for child care licensing (SB 5151 in 2021 removed these fees for the biennium)

Organizational License Pilot: \$325K

Fund Third Year of Pilot

- Pilot evaluation, data gathering, reporting, rulemaking
- Continuing pilot workgroups
- Same level of funding as the first two years of pilot

Fund Implementation Year

- Implementation and scaling activities while supporting existing pilot participants
- Development of internal trainings for licensors, outreach materials, training for prospective providers
- Complete IT system integration

Early Learning Facilities Fund: \$50M

Capacity Building Grants - \$40M

- Request for funding for another biennial round of Early Learning Facilities Fund new construction, major and minor renovations capacity building grants.
- Funding goes to supporting facilities development for WCCC and ECEAP providers.
- DCYF submitting this proviso – funds will go to Commerce.

Minor Renovation Grants - \$10M

- Request for another one-time grant cycle for non-expansion minor renovation grants.
- In 2021-22 Commerce was funded for \$28.5 million in federal COVID relief dollars to do a one-time grant round. \$169.4 million from 946 grant applications were received in spring 2022.

Culturally Relevant Language Access Program: \$3.13M

Website Translation - \$631K

Translate key elements, including forms and publications, of the DCYF website – minimum Spanish + other top 2 languages and include a standard footer with offerings in other languages

Language Coordinators - \$1.23M

- Establish 6FTE agency-wide to build enterprise-level infrastructure
- Coordination/consistency of translated materials
- Outreach to community organizations serving multilingual children and families



- Other means of increasing language access and equity for providers and caregivers in health and safety, licensing and regulations, and public funding opportunities for programs offered by the department

Language Access Program Manager - \$279K

- Coordinate implementation, monitoring & accountability, and updates & continuation of plan
- Manage website project
- Manage dual language assessment update effort

Community Engagement and Communications - \$152K

- To support community participation including stipends for lived experiences and mini-contracts with local community organizations to provide culturally relevant feedback on language access processes, products, and services.

Language-Specific Early Learning Specialists - \$409K

- Maintaining the 2 FTE funded with CARES in the 2021-23 biennium
- Specialists focus on assistance in Spanish and Somali to conduct native language meetings, language specific technical assistance, and meeting requirements from the CBA with SEIU 925

Data Analysis and Reporting - \$63K

- 0.25 FTE to gather language usage data from across DCYF's many data systems to support analysis of language needs, language access plan updates, and monitoring progress of plan implementation

DCYF Staff Training - \$45K

- Contracted support to develop agency-wide trainings on legal obligations, internal policies/procedures, and best practices

Recruitment Announcement: Provider Supports Executive Committee

We are currently accepting nominations for co-chairs! Below we have included the Roles and Responsibilities, including time commitments, for the co-chair position. Please take a moment to review and reach out if you have any questions or would like to apply.

Co-Chair Roles and Responsibilities

- Serve as members of the Executive Committee.
- Lead and facilitate meetings in a way that ensures: that all Members and the public have opportunities to participate; that meeting actions and decisions are clear; and that Provider Supports provides meaningful, clear advice and recommendations to DCYF.
- Steward the consistent collaboration and alignment with the ELAC Executive Committee to ensure all expectations and directives are being met.
- Participate in regular planning meetings with DCYF to plan meetings and track work plan progress (approximate time commitment is 2-3 one-hour meetings per month).
- Foster and maintain forthright, positive relationships with DCYF and with Provider Supports Members and Regional Advisors.
- Represent Provider Supports in communications with DCYF.

If you are interested in being a co-chair for the Provider Supports Subcommittee, please email us at dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov and share the following:

- Why are you interested in being a co-chair for the Provider Supports Subcommittee?
- What do you hope to contribute to the Executive Committee?



Subcommittee Updates

FSKA Temporary Licensing Subcommittee

The Fair Start for Kids Act (FSKA) Temporary Licensing Subcommittee has met eight times, so far. As a reminder, all meetings will be recorded and feedback opportunities will be available for those who are unable to make a meeting. All meeting information, including feedback and minutes, can be found on the [FSKA Temporary Licensing Subcommittee webpage](https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/about/community-engagement/fska) (<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/about/community-engagement/fska>).

- Sept. 28 meeting
 - The committee met on Wednesday, Sept. 28 and reviewed the recommendation report. Fourteen providers attended. The goal of the meeting was to review and finalize the last four recommendations.
 - The committee discussed the recommendations related to Unlicensed Care and the Child Care Provider Bill of Rights. Members broke into small groups, then came together for a larger discussion. Additional feedback was provided on each recommendation before the final language was drafted.
 - The two remaining recommendations related to the Internal Review Process (IRP) and the Rule Making Petition process will be reviewed at the Oct. 19 meeting.
- Sept. 7 meeting
 - The committee met on Wednesday, Sept. 7 and provided feedback on two main recommendations; the Child Care Provider Rights & Responsibilities and Regulation of Child Care Providers.
 - Recommendations were made and added to the recommendation report.
- Aug. 17 meeting
 - The committee met on Wednesday, Aug. 17 and discussed Unlicensed Care. DCYF Statewide Licensing Administrator, Travis Hansen, provided an overview of unlicensed care. Members were able to ask questions and provide feedback during the discussion.
 - This feedback will be included in the recommendation report.
- Subcommittee Participants
 - As of July 27, seventy-one providers have signed up for updates. Anyone interested in and working with the statewide licensing process is welcome to attend and participate. You can email dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov. A summary of attendees is below.
 - We have noticed a gap in family home attendees and Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) providers. If you know a family home or FFN provider who may be interested in participating, please direct them to dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov.
- June 15 Meeting
 - Fourteen providers attended: Ten center providers and four unspecified providers (these providers either did not introduce themselves or identified themselves as a “child care provider”).
 - Providers engaged in a recommendation tracker activity to provide feedback on recommendations developed, to date.
- July 6 Meeting
 - Ten providers attended: Five center providers and five unspecified providers.
 - This meeting repeated the activity from the June 15 meeting and was held in the evening to try to accommodate family home providers, Family Friend and Neighbor (FFN) providers, and center providers who cannot attend during the day.
- July 27 Meeting
 - Fifteen providers attended: Eight center providers and seven unspecified providers.
 - Attendees reviewed the feedback collected during the June 15 and July 6 FSKA TLS meetings and parent feedback from the Parent Advisory Group (PAG) meeting held on July 12. Providers then worked to finalize the recommendations developed, thus far, and provided feedback on remaining meeting topics.
- Oct. 19 Meeting
 - The next FSKA TLS meeting will be held Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please feel free to share this information with other providers who might be interested.